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SUBJECT: PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH FESTIVAL - TUNIS - JULY 15-22

1. THE PAN-AFRICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT (PAYM) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DEVELOPED DURING THE LAST YEAR THE PLANS FOR THE FESTIVAL. IT WILL INCLUDE MORE THAN A DOZEN SEMINARS, FORUMS AND TALK SESSIONS COVERING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL THEMES. SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE PROBLEMS OF DECOLONIZATION.

2. MANY AFRICAN DELEGATES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE WORLD

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YOUTH FESTIVAL IN EAST BERLIN FOLLOWING THE FESTIVAL.

THE US GOVERNMENT IS NOT SUPPORTING OR ENCOURAGING
PARTICIPATION IN THE EAST BERLIN FESTIVAL.

3. THE FOLLOWING FIVE OBSERVERS FROM THE US WILL ATTEND
THE AFRICAN FESTIVAL:

- A. DAVID DORN, PRESIDENT, US YOUTH COUNCIL
- B. VELMA HILL, VICE PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FEDERATION
OF TEACHERS
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- C. REVEREND JAMES BLAKE, NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
FOR YOUTH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS, NAACP
- D. JERRY VOGEL, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS CROSSROADS
AFRICA
- E. ROY GODSON, PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

CU IS FUNDING THIS PARTICIPATION.

4. ON THURSDAY, JULY 12 A MEETING WAS HELD IN THE DEPART-
MENT WITH DAVID DORN AND VELMA HILL AT THEIR REQUEST. THE
SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OVERVIEW
OF AFRICA, THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLITICAL SITUATION
INCLUDING US AID TO REFUGEES FROM THE AREA, THE ARAB-
ISRAELI DISPUTE, CU ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA AND A REVIEW OF
PAYM, THE FESTIVAL AND THE WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL.

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5. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES PLAN TO BE REPRESENTED--OFTEN
BY THE YOUTH WING OF A POLITICAL PARTY: ALGERIA, BURUNDI,
CAMEROON, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, THE CONGO, EGYPT,
ETHIOPIA, IVORY COAST, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO,
NIGER, SENEGAL, SIERRE LEONE, SOMALIA, SUDAN, TANZANIA,
TOGO, UGANDA, UPPER VOLTA, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA. SOME AFRICAN
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE FESTIVAL.
THE SOVIETS ARE SENDING FIFTEEN OBSERVERS, AND OTHER NON-
AFRICAN OBSERVERS ARE EXPECTED.

6. AT YOUR DISCRETION, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED
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IN THE NAMES AND BACKGROUND OF AFRICAN YOUTH DELEGATES FROM
YOUR COUNTRY AND ANY OBSERVATIONS AVAILABLE UPON THEIR
RETURN. RUSH

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